

Title 10
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL
HYGIENE

Subtitle 09 MEDICAL CARE PROGRAMS

10.09.24 Medical Assistance Eligibility

Authority: Health General Article, §§2-104(b), 2-105(b), 15-103, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[16-002-P]

The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene proposes to amend Regulation .04 under **COMAR 10.09.24 Medical Assistance Eligibility**.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to remove obsolete text from current Medicaid application signature requirements permitting an applicant to sign an application through an authorized representative without regard to the applicant's physical or mental condition.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is a corresponding federal standard to this proposed action, but the proposed action is not more restrictive or stringent.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has an impact on individuals with disabilities as follows:

Disabled individuals will be able to use their authorized representative to sign a Medicaid application without furnishing medical certification of incapacity to sign.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Michele Phinney, Director, Office of Regulation and Policy Coordination, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 201 West Preston Street, Room 512, Baltimore, MD 21201, or call 410-767-6499 (TTY 800-735-2258), or email to dhmh.regs@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-767-6483. Comments will be accepted through February 8, 2016. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.04 Application — General Requirements.

A.—E. (text unchanged)

F. Application Filing and Signature Requirements.

(1)—(4) (text unchanged)

(5) For the purpose of establishing eligibility, the applicant [shall sign the application form. If the applicant is physically or mentally unable to sign the form, an authorized representative shall complete and sign it. In the case of a child applicant younger than 18 years old, a parent of the child shall sign the application form, except in the following situations:] *or an authorized representative shall complete and sign the application.*

(6) *In the case of a child applicant younger than 18 years old, a parent of the child shall sign the application, except in the following situations:*

(a)—(b) (text unchanged)

[(6)] (7) (text unchanged)

G. —S. (text unchanged)

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